



HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

November 16, 2025 - 9:30 am

23rd Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music

"Jesus Loves Me, Jesus Loves Me"

Radical Ringers

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"O God of Every Nation"

ELW 713

Greeting

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

ELW 167

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"All God's Creatures"

Sunday School Kids

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Malachi 4:1-2... See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 98... O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. ² The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. ⁷ Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. ⁸ Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy ⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

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Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:5-19... When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.”¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom;¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify.¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance,¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death.¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name.¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish.¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

“When Peace Like a River”

ELW 785

Prayers

Sharing God’s Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

“As the Grains of Wheat”

ELW 465

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs

“Lamb of God”

“Laudate Dominum”

“(Sing Praise and Bless the Lord)”

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

“Everlasting God”

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is our Thanksgiving Pantry, Thursday, November 20th from 5 to 7pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Donations are needed! Our most pressing needs right now are cereal, soup, bar soap and toilet paper. The blue bin has been moved from the hallway to in front of the Food Pantry bulletin board in the narthex, for better visibility. To help with our inventory control please only put your donations in the blue bin. Thank you for your continued support of this vital community ministry.
- ⇒ **Winter Gear Drive for CIRA** Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is collecting winter items for the Center for Immigrant and Refugee Advancement. See the Narthex display and [website](#) for info!
- ⇒ **Hanging of the Greens** Join us Sunday, November 30 at 9:30 am for our Hanging of the Greens worship service where we decorate and prepare our worship space for the Advent Season.
- ⇒ **Celebration to Honor Indigenous People** Join us at **6:30pm on Wednesday, November 26th** for a special service designed to honor indigenous people. It is an opportunity to give thanks and praise together, to celebrate and honor our indigenous siblings, and of course there will be time afterwards for fellowship and pie! Bring a pie, bring a friend...and together we can continue to learn and grow into the people God has called us to be.
- ⇒ **Christmas Poinsettias** are available to order through Wednesday, November 26th. Help decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas with a \$10 donation towards a Christmas Poinsettia. [Click here](#) to purchase online or use a poinsettia envelope located on the usher stand Sunday.
- ⇒ **Lunch Bunch** will meet Thursday, November 20th at 11:30 am at Golden Palace. We hope you can join us!
- ⇒ **Advent Celebration** On **Sunday November 30th**, everyone is invited to join in the Fellowship Hall following worship for our Advent Celebration! There will be fun Advent activities for all ages, family sizes and abilities!
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can now support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, November 16

9:30 am Worship
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:40 am Memorial Gifts Meeting
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble
11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troup 48012 Mtg

Monday, November 17

6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, November 18

6:30 pm Council Meeting
7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 19

12:30 pm Tai Chi Balance Class
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir
6:00 pm Thanksgiving Pantry Prep
6:30 pm Youth Worship
7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

Thursday, November 20

11:30 am Lunch Bunch
5:00 pm Thanksgiving Pantry
6:30pm Carolan Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, November 21

1:00 pm Knitting

Sunday, November 23

9:30 am Worship /First Communion/New Member
10:40 am Sunday School
10:40 am New Member Reception
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble
11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Gordon Schnack; Norm Firkins; Phyllis Beam; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

Friends and Relatives: Scott Matheson, brother in law of Julie Noteman; Joshua Perilo, son of Sharon Perilo; Crosby Vargas, friend of Julie Noteman; Wayne Roberts, brother of Walter Roberts; Savannah Barb, cousin of Emma & Geno Roberts; Sonrisa Lewis, friend of the Harvey family; Avery W.; Ken Gross, cousin of Julie Noteman; Josh Moreau, friend of Wendy Brenner's family; Nancy Bartell, sister-in-law of Peg Schneider; Michael Schadendorf, grandfather of Edith and Tanya Valandra; Erin Peters, daughter of Gail Ginger; Anna Victor, aunt of Jen Gitt; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; Carol Deditz, sister of Julie Noteman; Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; Theresa Ramelb, friend of Jacque Petersen; Shari Jensen, friend of Ed Krueger; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.

Grieving: The family and friends of Edie Nabity as they mourn her death.